IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1.   (Currently amended): A method for performing a test on a product, the method comprising:

applying a test on a product;

if the test indicates a defect in the product,

determining whether the defect is external to the product.[[;]] wherein said determining includes searching a database of external defects, said searching includes searching based on a field, and said field includes a product version, a device name, a platform, a browser, and an area; and

if the defect is determined to be external to the product,

skipping repair of the product for the defect.

2.   (Canceled)

3.   (Currently amended): The method of claim 1, [[2,]] wherein said searching includes searching based on a keyword.

4.-5.   (Canceled)

6.   (Currently amended): The method of claim 1, [[2,]] wherein said searching includes searching based on a keyword and a field. filed.

7.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said skipping further includes setting status of the defect to "external."

8.   (Original) The method of claim 1, further including assigning the product for repair, if the defect is determined to be not external to the product.

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9.   (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein said assigning further includes setting status of the defect to "active."

10.   (Currently amended): A method for performing a test on a product, the method comprising:

determining an external defect for the product,[[;]] wherein said determining includes searching a database of external defects, said searching includes searching based on a field, and said field includes a product version, a device name, a platform, a browser, and an area; and

if an external defect exists for the product,

skipping further testing of the product for the determined external defect.

11.   (Canceled)

12.   (Currently amended): The method of claim 10, [[11,]] wherein said searching includes searching based on a keyword.

13.-14. (Canceled)

15.   (Currently amended): The method of claim 10, [[11,]] wherein said searching includes searching based on a keyword and a field. filed.

16.   (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein said skipping further includes setting status of the defect to "external."

17.   (Currently amended): A computer-readable medium storing instructions, which when executed by a computer causes the computer to perform a embodying a method for testing performing a test on a product, the method comprising:

applying a test on a product;

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if the test indicates a defect in the product,

determining whether the defect is external to the product,[[;]] wherein said determining includes searching a database of external defects, said searching includes searching based on a field, and said field includes a product version, a device name, a platform, a browser, and an area; and

if the defect is determined to be external to the product,

skipping repair of the product for the defect.

18.   (Canceled)

19.   (Currently amended):   The computer-readable medium of claim 17,[[18,]] wherein said searching includes searching based on a keyword.

20.   (Canceled)

22.   (Currently amended): The computer-readable medium of claim 17, [[18,]] wherein said searching includes searching based on a keyword and a field. filed.

23.   (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 17, wherein said skipping further includes setting status of the defect to "external."

24.   (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 17, the method further including assigning the product for repair, if the defect is determined to be not external to the product.

25.   (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 24, wherein said assigning further includes setting status of the defect to "active."

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26. (Currently amended): A computer-readable medium <u>storing instructions, which</u> <u>when executed by a computer, causes the computer to perform</u> ~~embodying a method for~~ ~~performing~~ a test on a product, the method comprising:

determining an external defect for the product,[[;]] <u>wherein said determining includes</u> <u>searching a database of external defects, said searching includes searching based on a field, and</u> <u>said field includes a product version, a device name, a platform, a browser, and an area;</u> and

if an external defect exists for the product,

skipping further testing of the product for the determined external defect.

27. (Canceled)

28. (Currently amended): The computer-readable medium of claim <u>26,</u> [[27,]] wherein said searching includes searching based on a keyword.

29.-30. (Canceled)

31. (Currently amended): The computer-readable medium of claim <u>26,</u> [[27,]] wherein said searching includes searching based on a keyword and a <u>field.</u> ~~filed.~~

32. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 26, wherein said skipping further includes setting status of the defect to "external."

33. (Currently amended): An apparatus for performing a test on a product, comprising:

<u>a</u> means for applying a test on a product;

<u>a</u> means for[[,]] <u>determining whether the defect is external to the product when</u> [[if]] the test indicates a defect in the product, ~~determining whether the defect is external to the product;~~ <u>wherein said means for determining includes a means for searching a database of external</u>

defects, said means fo searching includes a means for searching based on a field, and said field includes a product version, a device name, a platform, a browser, and an area; and

a means for skipping repair of the product for the defect, if the defect is determined to be external to the product.

34.   (Canceled)

35.   (Currently amended): The apparatus of claim 33, [[34,]] wherein said means for searching includes means for searching based on a keyword.

36.-37. (Canceled)

38.   (Currently amended): The apparatus of claim 33, [[34,]] wherein said means for searching includes means for searching based on a keyword and a field. filed.

39.   (Original) The apparatus of claim 33, wherein said means for skipping further includes means for setting status of the defect to "external."

40.   (Original) The apparatus of claim 33, further including means for assigning the product for repair, if the defect is determined to be not external to the product.

41.   (Original) The apparatus of claim 40, wherein said means for assigning further includes means for setting status of the defect to "active."

42.   (Currently amended): An apparatus for performing a test on a product, comprising:

a means for determining an external defect for the product,[[;]] wherein said means for determining includes a means for searching a database of external defects, said means for searching includes a means for searching based on a field, and said field includes a product version, a device name a platform, a browser, and an area; and

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a means for skipping further testing of the product for the determined external defect, if an external defect exists for the product.

43.   (Canceled)

44.   (Currently amended): The apparatus of claim 42, [[43,]] wherein said means for searching includes means for searching based on a keyword.

45.-46. (Canceled)

47.   (Currently amended): The apparatus of claim 42, [[43,]] wherein said means for searching includes means for searching based on a keyword and a field. filed.

48.   (Original) The apparatus of claim 42, wherein said means for skipping further includes means for setting status of the defect to "external."